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WHEREAS it is provided by Article XXXIII of the Treaty between Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the United States of America, signed at Washington on the 8th of May, 1871, as follows:—

"ARTICLE XXXIII.

"The foregoing Articles XVIII to XXV inclusive, and Article XXX of this Treaty, shall take effect as soon as the laws required to carry them into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, by the Parliament of Canada, and by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island on the one hand, and by the Congress of the United States on the other. Such assent having been given, the said Articles shall remain in force for the period of ten years from the date at which they may come into operation, and further until the expiration of two years after either of the High Contracting Parties shall have given notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same; each of the High Contracting Parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said period of ten years, or at any time afterwards."

And whereas in accordance with the stipulations of the above-recited Article, an Act was passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain in the thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth years of the reign of Queen Victoria, intituled "An Act to carry into effect a Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America:"

And whereas an Act was passed by the Senate and House of Commons of Canada in the fifth Session of the first Parliament, held in the thirty-fifth year of Her Majesty's reign, and assented to in Her Majesty's name by the Governor-General on the 14th day of June, 1872, intituled "An Act relating to the Treaty of Washington, 1871:"

And whereas an Act was passed by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island, and assented to by the Lieutenant-Governor of that Colony on the 29th day of June, 1872, intituled "An Act relating to the Treaty of Washington, 1871:"

And whereas an Act was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, and approved on the 1st day of March, 1873, by the President of the United States, intituled "An Act to carry into effect the provisions of the Treaty between the United States and Great Britain signed in the City of Washington the 8th day of May, 1871, relating to Fisheries:"

The Undersigned, the Right Honourable Sir Edward Thornton, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Her Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America, and Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, duly authorized for this purpose by their respective Governments, having met together at Washington, and having found that the laws required to carry the Articles XVIII to XXV inclusive, and Article XXX of the Treaty aforesaid into operation, have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of Great Britain, by the Parliament of Canada, and by the Legislature of Prince Edward Island on the one part, and by the Congress of the United States on the other, hereby declare that Articles XVIII to XXV inclusive, and Article XXX of the Treaty between Her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America of the 8th of May, 1871, will take effect on the 1st day of July next.

In witness whereof the Undersigned have signed this Protocol, and have hereunto affixed their seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington, this Seventh day of June, 1873.

(L.S.) EDWARD THORNTON. (L.S.) HAMILTON FISH.

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